GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:238
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2007
HAWALA TRANSACTIONS
Murmu Shri Hemlal

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a). whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news item under the caption "Dubai me jama hota hai hawala ka paisa" published in Dainik Jagran dated the November 12, 2007;

(b). if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c). the number of persons against whom action has been taken for conducting 'hawala' transactions during the last three years and in the current year?

Answer

FINANCE MINISTER (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.238 FOR ANSWER ON 30.11.2007

(a). Yes, Sir.

(b). The J&K Police seized Rs.52.86 lakhs from Jamali Khan, Samina Khan, Danish Anwar and Ravinder Jain. During the course of investigations, searches of residences of Jamali Khan and G.M. Bhat led to seizure of some foreign currencies also. The agencies of the Central and State Governments are coordinating amongst themselves for tackling this issue in all its dimensions.

(c). Number of persons against whom action has been taken by Directorate of Enforcement in Hawala Transaction related cases during the last three years, and the current year, is as under:

Year	No. of Persons
2004-05	325
2005-06	449
2006-07	379
2007-08 (upto 31.10.2007)	121